

REMARKS

Claims 1-72 were pending and are subject to a Restriction Requirement. Claim 61 has been amended to recite the elected subject matter. Claims 1-60 and 62-72, directed to non-elected subject matter, have been cancelled without prejudice to presentation in future related applications. New claims 73-77 have been added, support for which can be found throughout the application as filed including, for example, in Table 23. No new matter has been added.

The Office required Applicants to elect one of 15 allegedly patentably distinct inventions for examination. Applicants respectfully traverse on the grounds that searching more than one of the groups set forth by the Office would pose no serious burden on the Office. Notwithstanding, Applicants elect herein Group H, "drawn to a method for detection of cancer, by detecting one or more nucleic acid shown in tables 1-21, classified in class 435, subclass 6". Amended claim 61 and new claims 73-77 read on the elected invention.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the claims encompassed by any of the non-elected groups in future divisional applications.

CONCLUSION

Examination of the pending claims and passage to allowance are respectfully requested. An early Notice of Allowance is therefore earnestly solicited. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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